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in 'SNAKE EYES'

THE INNOCENT ARE NOT ALWAYS THE BEST CITIZENS BUT THEY MUST BE DEFENDED. THE PUBLIC DEFENDER HAS A DUTY TO SEE JUSTICE DONE REGARDLESS OF WHOM HE DEFENDS!



WHEN A SKID-ROW CHARACTER NAMED 'BAREFOOT' CHUCK REED SHOWS UP ON A PARK BENCH WEARING #76 SHOES THE POLICE ARE BOUND TO ASK QUESTIONS -- ESPECIALLY IF THE SHOES BELONGED TO THE MURDERED SOCIALITE, JAMES BARR ...

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NOW TELL ME AGAIN
WHAT YOU DID LAST
NIGHT AND WHOM
YOU WERE WITH!

LIKE I SAID, MR. MANNING, I HOOKED UP
WITH RED COFFIN--A GUY I KNOW IN SKID
ROW! HE HAD LOTS OF DOUGH AND WE WENT
ON A SPREE! GUESS I GOT PRETTY HIGH,
SO I FELL ASLEEP ON THE PARK BENCH.
NEXT I KNEW, A COP WAS SHAKIN' ME
AN' ASKIN' ME WHERE I GOT
THE SHOES!
HONEST, I
DON'T KNOW
WHERE THEY
CAME FROM!

CAN YOU
PROVE
THIS?

WHAT CAN A BUM PROVE?
COFFIN COULD TELL THE
TRUTH--BUT WHERE CAN
I FIND HIM? OH, YES,
ANOTHER THING. I
LOST MY LOCKET
SOMEWHERE! IT'S
A SNAKEY JOB
MY DAD GAVE ME
YEARS AGO.

REILLY, TRY TO PICK
UP A DRIFTER NAMED
RED COFFIN. HE WAS
WITH BAREFOOT LAST
NIGHT AND I'D
LIKE TO QUESTION
HIM!

OKAY, MISTER
MANNING, BUT
IT'S OPEN AND
SHUT. WHY
BOther ABOUT
A BUM LIKE
BAREFOOT?

THE WORST OF US MUST BE GIVEN EVERY
CHANCE TO PROVE INNOCENCE, REILLY--
AND I DON'T THINK IT'S OPEN AND
SHUT. ALL OF BARR'S EFFECTS ARE
MISSING EXCEPT HIS SHOES.
WHERE DID BAREFOOT GET RID
OF THE OTHER CLOTHES? WHERE'S
ALL THE MONEY BARR WAS
CARRYING?
MAYBE RED
HAS SOME
ANSWERS.

BAREFOOT, THEY'RE GOING TO TRY
TO FIND RED. IF YOU NEED
ME THEY'LL CONTACT ME!

THANK,
MR. MANNING!
I SURE HOPE
YOU CAN
HELP!

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SPURRED ON BY THE PUBLIC DEFENDER,
THE POLICE DRAGNET WENT INTO ACTION..



THEY WANT TO ASK
YOU SOME QUESTIONS
DOWN AT HEADQUARTERS!
COME ALONG!

I'LL GO--
BUT I
DIDN'T DO
NOTHIN'!



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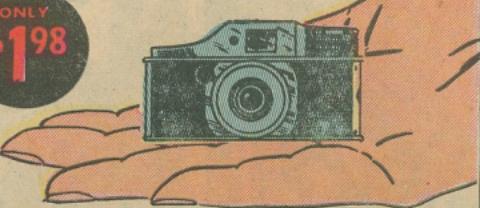
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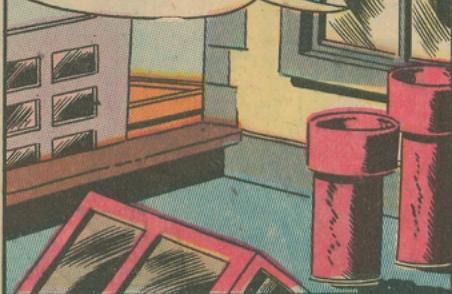
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ALL RIGHT, RED! YOU'RE IN TROUBLE NOW! TELL US THE WHOLE STORY!

OKAY, OKAY--SO I SWIPED HIS LOCKET! I'LL TAKE A PETTY LARCENY RAP!



NOT SO FAST, RED! WE'RE INTERESTED IN A MURDER -- AND A PAIR OF SHOES THAT TURNED UP ON BAREFOOT'S FEET WHILE HE WAS ASLEEP! BETTER START TALKING!



ALL RIGHT-- BUT I DIDN'T MEAN NUTHIN'! I JUST TRIED TO GET HIS DOUGH -- BUT WHEN I HIT HIM HE CONKED OUT! I STACHED AWAY HIS CLOTHES BUT KEPT HIS SHOES TILL BAREFOOT PASSED OUT THEN I PUT 'EM ON HIM FIGURIN' HE'D BE BLAMED FOR THE KILLIN'!



OKAY, COFFIN! THE POLICE WILL TAKE DOWN YOUR CONFESSION: YOU'RE LUCKY, BAREFOOT!

THANKS, MR. MANNING! THANKS FOR EVERYTHING!



HOW'D YOU KNOW THE LOCKET OPENED?

BAREFOOT TOLD ME THAT IF I TWISTED THE SNAKE EYE IT WOULD OPEN! SINCE HE KNEW, AND COFFIN DIDN'T, I WAS SURE IT WAS BAREFOOT'S!



SINCE RED LIED ABOUT THE LOCKET, I KNEW HE WAS HIDING SOMETHING ELSE! IT'S MY JOB TO DEFEND THE INNOCENT-- NO MATTER WHO OR WHAT THEY MAY BE!



END

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in THE KEY TO THE CRIME

THE ROBBERY OF THE DIAMOND FOOD MART OFFICES INVOLVED THE THEFT OF \$20,000-- BUT IT ALSO INVOLVED THE FREEDOM AND REPUTATION OF THE ACCUSED, JOHN WELLS! THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE HAD A STRONG CASE-- UNTIL RICHARD MANNING, PUBLIC DEFENDER, WAS ASKED TO DEFEND HIM! THE ROBBERY ITSELF OCCURRED ON THE THIRD OF JULY, 1955---



THE BURGLAR GOT AWAY--- BUT THE POLICE SWIFTLY BEGAN THE WEB THAT ENMESHED JOHN WELLS---



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BUT WELLS HAD NO MONEY FOR A LAWYER ! THAT'S WHEN DICK MANNING ENTERED THE PICTURE

YOU'VE BEEN INDICTED ON TWO SERIOUS CHARGES ! SINCE YOU HAVE NO LAWYER, THE PUBLIC DEFENDER WILL HANDLE YOUR CASE !

THAT'S A LAUGH ! YOU ALL WANT ME TO GO TO PRISON !



THE PUBLIC DEFENDER LOOKED UP JOSEPH GRAZEK, THE LOCK EXPERT. THEN-----



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MANNING HAD LITTLE BASIS FOR A DEFENSE CASE--- BUT HE KEPT WORKING !

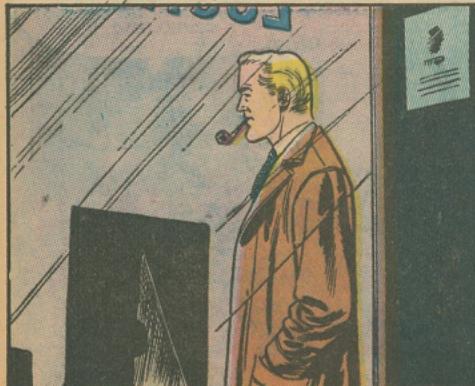


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MANNING TOOK THE WHITISH PASTE TO GRAZEK! LATER THAT NIGHT---



RICHARD MANNING TOOK ANOTHER LOOK AROUND,
RELOCKED THE DOOR AND LEFT!
UNNOTICED, HE THOUGHT-----



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THE STILL FORM ON THE SIDEWALK WAS
STILL UNMOVING AS THE MEN RACED AWAY!



THEN CAME THE DAY OF JOHN WELL'S TRIAL---



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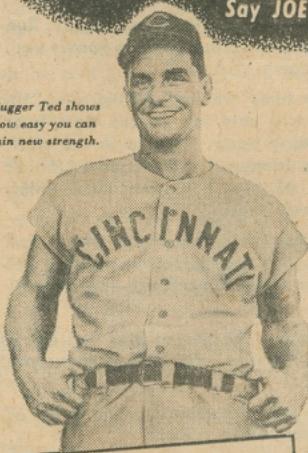
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"HOT COLD CUTS"

"Every summer, my cousin Stephen and his family go to Lake George," said Detective Al Norton of Special Squad to his buddy, Ben Egan. "They get a camp site free for six weeks. He has two large tents. The children love it very much. They cook in the outdoors. If they go fishing in the morning then they have fish for supper. Provided they catch fish. Their two boys are very smart. One collects all the soda pop bottles on the island. He brings them to the village and gets the deposit money. He even gets some money from the people for picking up the bottles. Thus he removes the danger of broken glass and injured feet. Smart kid."

The other one also has a head for making money. He gets up early in the morning and picks berries. Then he sells the fresh berries to the wives so they can bake pies. Stephen told me he didn't have to give the children any allowance when they were away last summer. In fact, they offered to lend him some money when he was short. One of the boys wants to buy a washing machine. Says he will go into the laundry business next summer. Both are saving their money. They want to go to college."

"Smart kids," remarked Detective Ben Egan. "Makes you sort of proud to know them, I guess. Only one thing bothers me. When you go on a vacation, why work? However a lot of parents feel if you keep children busy doing what is good, that keeps them out of mischief. I think it is swell when children can look ahead and plan for a college education. That cousin Stephen must be a smart dad."

The phone rang and Al Norton answered it. No need to continue on the topic of Stephen and his children.

"Chief Mirkus wants us in his office at once. Says he just got a phone call about a burglary. Come on! We can't keep the chief waiting."

The police chief was proud of the two members of his Special Squad. They could handle anything from ordinary routine matters to the toughest assignment. The door to his office was open and they walked in.

"Where did the burglary take place, chief?" asked Detective Al Norton. "Is this a special request assignment?"

"At Prouton's Delicatessen Store," said Chief

Mirkus. "Located at 367 Pinehurst Avenue. Run by a Herman Louis Prouton. Says he knows you. Wants you to come at once."

"I remember him," replied Al Norton. "He specializes in cold cuts for parties. Last year we had a birthday party. He sold us the stuff. They say he is famous for his cheese. Makes a special kind of cheese himself. O.K. chief, we're on our way there."

Twenty minutes later the squad car pulled up to the curb. The two detectives entered the store. A stout man wearing a white apron greeted them.

"Hello, Detectives Al Norton and Ben Egan. I have a good memory, eh? Let me show you what happened."

He took the two detectives to the back of the store and pointed to a door.

"They forced it opened. Guess I was negligent in having one of those old locks. But I never figured anyone would try to get into the store. I just called up the locksmith. He'll be here by noon. He's going to fix up the door. I know the old saying about locking the stable door after the horse is stolen. If you come back to the counter with me, I'll show you just what was taken."

The two detectives retraced their steps to the front of the store. Mr. Prouton pointed to an open paper box.

"I keep a few dollars in extra cash in this money box. Had twenty-six dollars in single bills. That's all the money missing. But the burglar helped himself to cold cuts. Look at my slicing machine. He took about two pounds of ham, a pound of bologna, a pound of liver-wurst, some corned beef, at least two pounds of imported swiss cheese, and pickles."

Mr. Prouton stopped talking for a minute. His eyes were focused on a small piece of cheese. He lifted it and examined the cheese carefully.

"This burglar certainly wasn't a cheese expert," he continued speaking. "He took a bite out of my special cheese. The one I made. But he didn't cut up any of it. Look at the cheese. You can see his teeth marks."

Detective Al Norton took the cheese and examined it. Then he smiled.

"What's so funny about the cheese?" asked his buddy.

"The fellow who bit this cheese has a tooth missing," replied Al Norton. "Suppose we take it down headquarters and turn it over to Sam Raines in the laboratory. See what he can find."

About three hours later, the two detectives and Sam Raines were in the laboratory. Dr. William Gove, a local dentist, had been called on the phone and asked if he would help the department with his services. He answered in the affirmative and hence was now talking to the three men. On the table was a plastic impression mould made from the cheese and showing teeth impressions.

"The upper right front tooth is missing," began the dentist. "Chips are missing from the teeth on each side. The person is a man. Probably in the twenties. Small mouth. Offhand I would say the person is also thin."

"Could we send this description to local dentists and ask them to check through their files?" asked Al Norton.

"You could," replied Dr. Gove, "but I doubt it would do much good. The chances are that this man has not been in dental offices. So that's as far as I can help you."

"Thanks a lot," replied Ben Egan. "We'll check the mug books and parole lists and see if we can spot anyone that matches the description."

By nightfall the two detectives had come up with a blank. They were tired. Suddenly Ben Egan opened his mouth and his eyes showed amazement.

"Al, we can crack this case easily," he remarked. "The obvious just dawned upon me. What is the burglar going to do with all those cold cuts? Only two possible sensible answers. Either he is going to eat all the stuff himself. Or throw a party. Let's canvas the neighborhood. We want to find out if somebody knows a fellow with a tooth missing who is going to have a party tonight or tomorrow."

Pete Perrelli ran a small fruit and vegetable store in the vicinity of the delicatessen store. He had been in the same location for the past fifteen years. The detectives paid him a visit.

"Your description sort of hits the bell," he told the two men. But I just can't place him definitely for you. Must be a newcomer around here. I saw this fellow. How would I remember him? When he opened his mouth I saw that missing tooth. No excuse today for having a missing tooth. He could have a bridge put in

by a dentist. Go pay a visit to Hank. He's the old man who runs the newsstand down the corner. He ought to be able to help you."

The old man at the newsstand was most cooperative. He had some valuable information to give.

"That fellow is around here. I don't know his name. But he knows Joe Carling who works in the laundry, the store right across the street. Joe is there now."

Joe Carling was a big husky fellow. He didn't bat an eye when he looked at the identification of the two detectives.

"Whatever it is that Slim Sutton is mixed up with, I'm clean. I want nothing to do with that guy. He's throwing party tonight. Invited me. I turned him down flat. Always talks big. He moved in the neighborhood about five months ago. He has a furnished two room flat. Sure, I can tell you where. Brownstone house. Corner of Fifth Street. Mrs. Lynch runs the place. I can spot a faker and four-flusher any time. That fits Slim. He borrowed a five spot from me and never paid it back."

The main door to the brownstone house was open. The two detectives walked in and saw a woman arguing with a man.

"You are not going to hold another party in your apartment and create a disturbance," shouted the woman. "You can move at the end of the week."

"I won't," snapped back the man showing a missing tooth as he talked.

"I think you will," interrupted Detective Al Norton.

"You stay out of this," warned the man.

When he saw their badges he turned pale. The three men then went to his apartment. On a table was an assortment of cold cuts.

"I bought the stuff," he weakly whined. "Believe me."

"We don't," replied Ben Egan. "Come with us to headquarters."

An hour later he made a full confession. He was still puzzled.

"What a fool I must have been," he admitted. "My first job and my last."

"Not your last job," corrected Detective Al Norton. "Your next job will be inside the state penitentiary. And they serve you cold cuts once a week."

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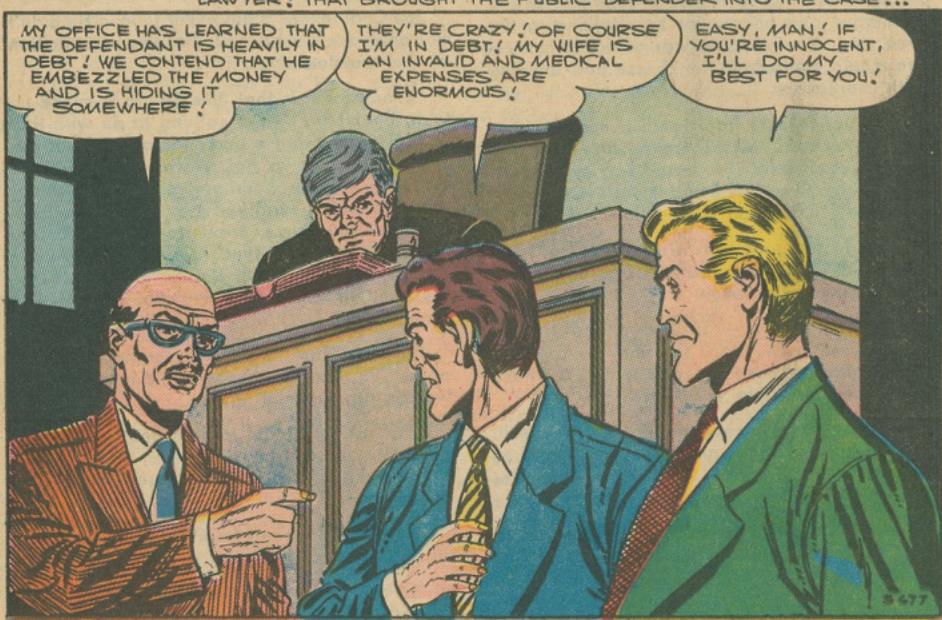
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IN PERJURED WITNESS WHEN THE BANK EXAMINERS ARRIVED AT THE MIDDLETON TRUST COMPANY, THEY FOUND CONFUSED BOOKS AND AN EVEN MORE CONFUSED VICE PRESIDENT. WHEN THEY POINTED OUT DISCREPANCIES TO AMOS BURTON, HE PANICKED, AND THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY SECURED AN INDICTMENT EASILY. THEN BURTON CONFESSED THAT, DESPITE HIS TITLE, HE COULDN'T AFFORD A LAWYER, THAT BROUGHT THE PUBLIC DEFENDER INTO THE CASE...

MY OFFICE HAS LEARNED THAT THE DEFENDANT IS HEAVILY IN DEBT! WE CONTEND THAT HE EMBEZZLED THE MONEY AND IS HIDING IT SOMEWHERE!

THEY'RE CRAZY! OF COURSE I'M IN DEBT! MY WIFE IS AN INVALID AND MEDICAL EXPENSES ARE ENORMOUS!

EASY, MAN! IF YOU'RE INNOCENT, I'LL DO MY BEST FOR YOU!



RICHARD MANNING QUESTIONED BURTON IN HIS CELL LATER! THERE WAS LITTLE THAT BURTON COULD TELL HIM!

I DON'T KNOW A THING ABOUT THOSE BOOKS! THE CLERK AND THE TELLER, FRANK BRYANT COULD TELL YOU MORE THAN I!

ALL RIGHT, BURTON-- I'LL TALK TO THEM!

DID HE HELP HIMSELF ANY, BOSS?

NO! I'M GOING TO FIND THE TELLER AND TALK TO HIM! YOU SEE IF YOU CAN GET ANY INFORMATION FROM THE BANK CLERK!



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THE PUBLIC DEFENDER THOUGHT BURTON'S CASE WAS HOPELESS, UNTIL HE TALKED TO FRANK BRYANT, THE BANK TELLER...

BURTON IS INNOCENT, MR. MANNING! HE HAD NO REASON TO CHECK ON THE BOOKS! HE'S TOO HONEST TO STEAL A TOOTH-PICK!

I THOUGHT SO TOO! WHO DO YOU THINK IS GUILTY?

THE BOOKKEEPER WHO LEFT JUST BEFORE THE EXAMINERS ARRIVED, FIND HIM AND BURTON WILL BE IN THE CLEAR!

GOOD! WE'LL TRY THAT!



A FLASH WAS SENT OUT ON THE MISSING CLERK, BUT IN THE MEANTIME, RICHARD MANNING CONTINUED INVESTIGATING...

THE TELLER WAS RIGHT, DICK! I CAN'T FIND THE CLERK ANYWHERE!

WE'LL FIND HIM! I'M GOING TO SEARCH BURTON'S APARTMENT NOW!



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LATER...

OH... MY HEAD! I GUESS
SOMEONE DOESN'T WANT ME
PROWLING AROUND HERE!
IT CAN'T BE BURTON--HE'S
IN JAIL!

BACK AT THE OFFICE...

I'LL CHECK WITH THE
ARMY, BOSS! ARE
YOU GOING TO
DELAY THE TRIAL?

NO, BRYANT
WILL BE OUR
FIRST WITNESS.
WE'LL KEEP HIM
ON THE STAND
WHILE YOU'RE
LOCATING
HAROLD WEBB!

THE TRIAL OF AMOS BURTON FOR THE
EMBEZZLEMENT OF \$65,000 WENT
TO THE JURY THE FOLLOWING WEEK...

AND IN YOUR OPINION, MR. BRYANT,
AMOS BURTON HAD NO KNOWLEDGE
OF THE FALSIFIED ACCOUNTS?

OF COURSE NOT! IT WAS WEBB!
HE DISAPPEARED, DIDN'T HE--
AND HE TOOK THE MONEY
WITH HIM!

WHAT ARE YOU COVERING UP,
BRYANT? YOUR TESTIMONY
UNDER OATH IS FULL OF
HOLES! YOU'RE HURTING
BURTON, NOT HELPING
HIM!

I THOUGHT
I COULD
HELP HIM!
OKAY--I
GUESS YOU'VE
GOT THE
RIGHT MAN!

I KNEW BURTON WAS PLAYING
THE PONIES BUT HE TREATED
ME RIGHT! I FIGURED
I'D THROW THE BLAME
ON WEBB AND HELP
BURTON OUT!

HE'S LYING!
I WOULDN'T
KNOW HOW
TO BET ON
A HORSE
RACE!

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AMOS BURTON WAS ON THE VERGE OF CONVICTION -- BUT RICHARD MANNING DIDN'T GIVE UP. THE MISSING WITNESS, HAROLD WEBB... SHOWED UP ONE NIGHT LATER...



I KNEW BRYANT WAS FALSIFYING THE RECORDS! HE TOLD ME HE'D FRAME ME IF I TALKED! I WAS GOING TO BE DRAFTED ANYWAY, SO I ENLISTED TO STAY OUT OF TROUBLE!



MANNING HAD ENOUGH TO FREE BURTON AND CONVICT BRYANT, IF WEBB LIVED LONG ENOUGH TO TAKE THE STAND ...



Stop being a SKINNY Weakling like I was →

Pal!
WIN
\$100.00
as I
just
did

Millions
became
BIG
HE-MEN
through
JOWETT
COURSES
so can
YOU!

JIM
NORMAN
AFTER
He
Mailed
Coupon



YOU CAN DO ALL I DID
IN 10 MINUTES of FUN A DAY
Quickly **GAIN 25 LBS.** of
HANDSOME, POWER-PACKED
MUSCLES all over! like I did.
Like me—**IMPROVE** your HE-MAN LOOKS 1000%!

WIN NEW STRENGTH!
WIN NEW POPULARITY!

Come on PAL, Now You give me
10 PLEASANT MINUTES A DAY
In Your Own Home Like Jim Did
and I'll give you a NEW HE-MAN BODY
for your OLD SKELETON FRAME

NO! I don't care how skinny
or flabby you are I'll
make you OVER by the SAME
method I turned myself from
a wreck to the strongest of
the strong. Why can't I do for you what
I did for MANY THOUSANDS of skinny
fellows like you?

Develop YOUR 520 MUSCLES
gain Pounds, INCHES FAST!

YES!

You'll see INCHES of MIGHTY
MUSCLE added to your ARMS
and CHEST. Your BACK and
SHOULDERS broadened. From
head to heels you'll gain SIZE,
POWER, SPEED. You'll be A
WINNER in EVERYTHING you
tackle.

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The POWDER PUFF REPORTER

ALL RIGHT, JONES, NO SENSE PLAYING HIDE AND SEEK! YOU HAVEN'T A CHANCE OF GETTING OUT OF HERE...

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SHORTLY, THE CLEVERLY PLANNED THEFT WENT OFF LIKE CLOCK WORK...



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AN HOUR LATER, ACE REPORTER JUDY JONES REACHES THE SCENE MINUTES BEHIND THE POLICE...



BUT THIS IS NEWS, OFFICER! MOST LIKELY THOSE TWO THIEVES WERE THE NOTORIOUS PAIR THAT HAVE ROBBED A DOZEN STORES LATELY!

SURE, SURE! THAT'S WHAT THE POLICE WILL DECIDE, MISS JONES! THIS IS NO WORK FOR A POWDER PUFF REPORTER!



PUBLIC DEFENDER IN ACTION

SUDDENLY...



NOW... IF MY HUNCH IS RIGHT I KNOW JUST WHO MIGHT IDENTIFY THIS MAN!



MINUTES LATER, ON A CORNER NEAR THE ROB-BED STORE ...



FOR AN HOUR THE ALERT GIRL REPORTER QUERIES THE HACKIES ...



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TAXI STAND

FINALLY...



WHY, IT'S RIGHT HERE ON THE WORK SHEET! LET'S SEE... I DROPPED THEM OFF AT 28 STREET AND PIER 8!

THE WHARF! WONDERFUL! PLEASE TAKE ME THERE, DRIVER!



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PUBLIC DEFENDER IN ACTION

LATER, AS THE BEAUTY OF THE PRESS ROOM COVERS THE WHARF AREA ...

THEY MUST BE HIDING OUT IN THIS AREA SOMEWHERE... IF I'M PATIENT I'M BOUND TO GET A LOOK AT THE ONE IN THE PICTURE!



YOU'RE SURE OF IT, DANNY? YOU'RE SURE THAT GAL'S FROM THE NEWS-PAPER?

POSITIVE, BARNEY! I TELL YOU THAT'S JUDY JONES! SHE'S A HOT-SHOT REPORTER WHO POKES HER NOSE INTO EVERYTHING, SHE MUST HAVE A LEAD ON US!



IF THAT'S THE CASE -- WE'D BETTER SQUASH THAT LEAD RIGHT NOW!

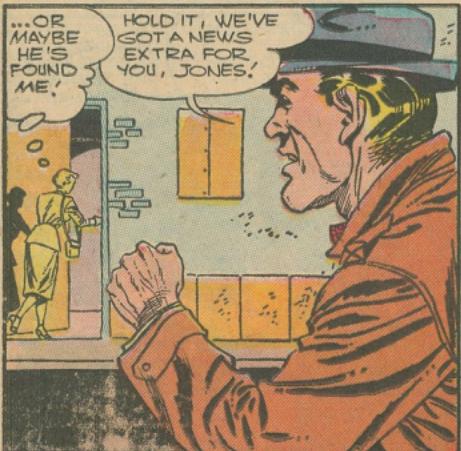


THE MAN WITH THE BOW TIE! I'VE FOUND HIM!



...OR MAYBE HE'S FOUND ME!

HOLD IT, WE'VE GOT A NEWS EXTRA FOR YOU, JONES!



BLAME TAKE IT! I'VE TIPPED MY HAND TO THEM! GOT TO HIDE!



PUBLIC DEFENDER IN ACTION



SOON AFTER, AS JUDY JONES SUMMONS THE LAW...



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in "CHANCE FOR A
NEW LIFE"

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JOAN AND EDDIE MORAN WERE GOING TO START A NEW, HAPPIER LIFE! JUST RELEASED FROM PRISON, EDDIE HAD PAID HIS DEBT TO SOCIETY FOR HIS CRIMES, AND WAS DETERMINED NEVER AGAIN TO BREAK THE LAW...



PUBLIC DEFENDER IN ACTION

I TOLD YOU TO GET OUT, MIKE FLINT! THIS'LL HELP YOU DOWN THE STAIRS!

NO, EDDIE! DON'T GET INTO A FIGHT!



YOU FOOLISH IDIOT! I'LL GET YOU FOR THIS-- OUCH!



I WANT HIM PULLED IN! NO PUNK CAN SLUG ME AND GET AWAY WITH IT!

OKAY, FLINT, BUT YOU SURE GOT WHAT WAS COMING TO YOU!



SO EDDY MORAN WAS BROUGHT INTO COURT.

SORRY, MORAN, BUT YOUR RECORD WILL MAKE IT HARD FOR YOU!

SERVES HIM RIGHT!

I'D LIKE TO DEFEND MORAN! YOUR HONOR!



FINE, MR. MANNING! WE'LL NOTIFY YOU OF THE TRIAL DATE!



I THINK YOU WANT TO GO STRAIGHT, MORAN! YOU DID COMMIT THIS ASSAULT SO YOU MUST PLEAD GUILTY! IT WILL MAKE THINGS EASIER FOR YOU!

I DON'T KNOW WHY HE CAME TO SEE ME BUT I LOST MY TEMPER! WHY DON'T YOU GO TALK TO HIM? FIND OUT WHAT HE WANTS!



PUBLIC DEFENDER IN ACTION

WELL, MANNING? WHAT ARE YOU HERE FOR?

I'D LIKE TO KNOW JUST WHAT YOU WANT WITH EDDIE MORAN! WHY DID YOU BOTHER HIM?

I JUST WANTED HIM TO ANSWER A QUESTION. IF HE'LL ANSWER IT NOW, I WON'T PRESS CHARGES! MIKE FLINT DON'T HOLD GRUDGES!

WHAT'S THE QUESTION, FLINT?

I JUST WANT TO KNOW WHERE HE DEPOSITED THE BAYVILLE PROCEEDS, THAT'S ALL!

THE BAYVILLE PROCEEDS? WHAT'S THAT?

JUST ASK HIM! HE'LL KNOW!

ALL RIGHT! I'LL TRY IT!

BAYVILLE, EH? I DROVE THE GETAWAY CAR ON A BANK STICKUP THERE-- HEY! WHEN I WAS IN THE PEN, BOLTON, A CON WHO'D BEEN ON THAT JOB WAS YELLING ABOUT BAYVILLE, TOO! BUT I NEVER GOT ANY PART OF THE LOOT! I WAS PICKED UP THE NEXT DAY!

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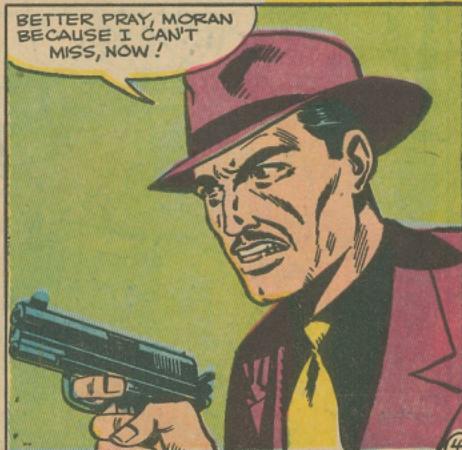
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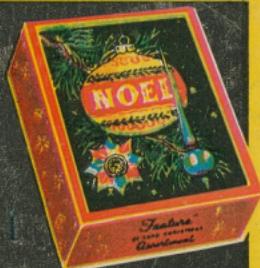
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